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Christopher Noble Honored with AUTM 2025 Chair's Award for Outstanding Contributions

[Washington, D.C., March 4, 2025] – AUTM proudly announces Christopher Noble as the recipient of its prestigious 2025 Chair's Award, recognizing his exceptional and lasting contributions to the organization and to the technology transfer profession. Noble was presented with the award during the AUTM Annual Meeting, where technology transfer leaders gathered to celebrate excellence in innovation and leadership.

Noble retired in 2024 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he served as Director of Corporate Engagement for the Environmental Solutions Initiative. He has played a pivotal role in shaping AUTM's strategic direction, serving on the Board of Directors from 2017 to 2020, leading efforts to revamp the AUTM Valuation Course, and teaching it to academic licensing professionals worldwide. His commitment to mentorship and professional standards has strengthened AUTM's impact on the global technology transfer community.

"I am proud to be part of a profession and an organization that aligns with my personal mission—pursuing university partnerships that address the climate crisis and promote environmental action" said Noble. "I am deeply honored to receive this award."

A Certified Licensing Professional (2015–2021) and a Registered Technology Transfer Professional, Noble also received the Licensing Executives Society Deals of Distinction Award in 2011, for designing multi-party collaborations between cleantech startups, traditional energy companies and university researchers. He was named an Emeritus Member of AUTM in 2024.

AUTM celebrates Noble's remarkable achievements and his unwavering dedication to advancing the technology transfer profession and the economic, social and environmental impact of university research.

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